

Mandatory Requirement One:

Statement of Commitment

Maranatha Recreation Camp is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. Our employees will at all times treat all children with respect and understanding. Every person within our organisation is bound by this commitment and must always place the safety and welfare of children and young people above all other considerations.

Maranatha Recreation Camp acknowledges that our staff provide a valuable contribution to the positive experiences of children and young people who attend camp at Maranatha. And further endeavours to provide a safe & supportive service environment for children and young people through the implementation of the Child & Youth Risk Management Strategy which includes several measures such as:

- Prohibiting any form of abuse against children;
- Carefully selecting and screening people whose role requires them to have regular contact with children/youth.
- Ensuring our code of conduct, is promoted, enforced and reviewed;
- Providing procedures for raising concerns or complaints; and
- Providing education and/or information to those involved in delivering adventure activities on child abuse and child protection.

Maranatha Recreation Camp requires that any child who is abused or anyone who reasonably suspects that a child has been or is being abused by someone within our organisation - or whilst a child or young person is at camp - to report it immediately to the police or relevant government agency and, in the first instance, Maranatha's nominated *Grievance Officer*.

All allegations of child abuse will be dealt with promptly, seriously, sensitively and confidentially. A person will not be victimised for reporting an allegation of child abuse and the privacy of all persons concerned will be respected.

If anyone bound by this statement of commitment reasonably suspects that a child is being abused by his or her parent/s, they are advised to contact the relevant government department for youth, family and community services in their state/territory.

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